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Convicted Rapist Apprehended

Portland, OR - On March 31st, just before noon, David Alfred Kelsey was arrested in Klamath Falls, Oregon by Deputy U.S. Marshals, Detectives from Lebanon Police, and the Klamath Falls Police Department. Kelsey, who was free on bail during his criminal trial for six counts of rape, attracted much media attention in the Albany, Oregon area when he failed to return during jury deliberations. At the conclusion of trial on March 9th, Kelsey's actions were a true admission of guilt when the jury came back with a guilty verdict but Kelsey had already fled.

Several news articles asked the public for help in locating David Alfred Kelsey without success. Kelsey was described as a 6'2" white male, weighing 230 lbs. with brown hair and brown eyes. On March 29th, the U.S. Marshals Service was contacted by local law enforcement and an Ad Hoc Task Force was formed to combine resources and join forces in locating Kelsey. Through this partnership investigative leads were developed that took the task force to the Klamath Falls area. Two days later, David Alfred Kelsey was arrested and now sits in the Klamath Falls County Jail awaiting justice on his jury conviction of Rape.

The Oregon U.S. Marshals Ad Hoc Fugitive Task Force is specifically formed through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local and state police departments to work together in apprehending dangerous state fugitives. David Alfred Kelsey was apprehended through the established relationship and MOU with the Linn County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff David Burright. The Task Force objective is to seek out and arrest violent, potentially high risk, or drug offense fugitives. The Oregon Ad Hoc Task Force operates with the assistance of state and local departments on each department's outstanding fugitive warrants. Nationally, the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Forces arrest more than 43,000 state and local fugitives through cooperative task forces like the one here in Oregon.